

PELTON SHOWS B. E. BERRY HOW IT'S DONE.  
(Chronicle photo)

## Character Shown By Handwriting

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Your handwriting may tell on you. Every time you move your pen across paper you are drawing a picture of your personality, your achievements and problems, according to graphoanalyst Bob Pelton of Pascagoula.

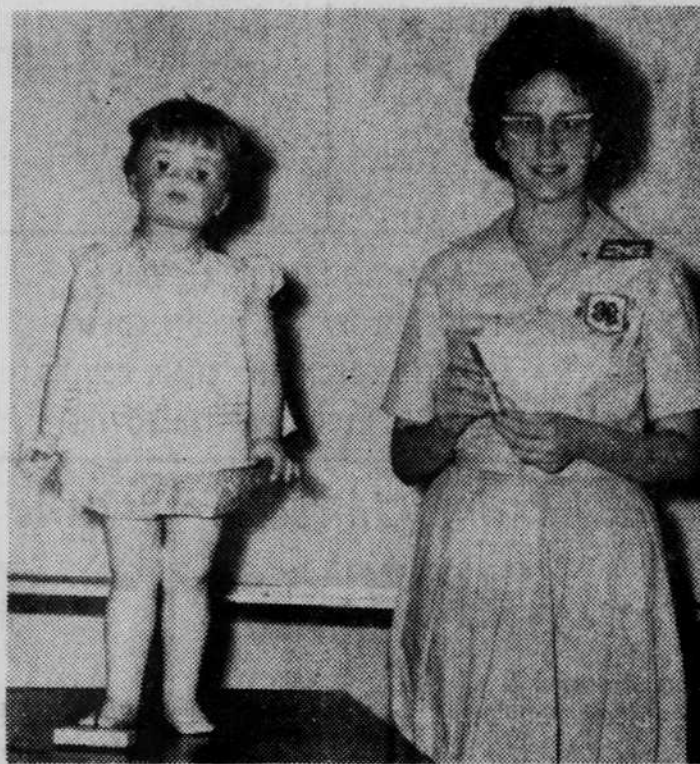
Pelton returned this week from the annual convention of the International Graphoanalysis Society of Chicago, where he attended a week long series of classes and seminars with several hundred other graphanalysts. Some 50 instructors and lecturers participated in the training program.

Graphoanalysis, he explains, is the scientific study of handwriting to determine the character and personality of the writer. At the mere mention of handwriting analysis many minds turn immediately to fortune tellers, crystal balls and palm reading. But Graphoanalysis is science based on research conducted over a period of more than 50 years, Pelton says.

**Accepted Profession**  
"It is becoming 'acceptable as a profession,' he comments. Allowing for a margin of error the same as a doctor's diagnosis, the method has been proved 98 per cent accurate and handwriting experts claim their tests are running 25 per cent more accurate than the famous ink-blot psychological tests.

The professional opinion of a graphanalyst is honored in the courts of Europe, and basic courses in the subject are now being offered for credit in six American universities.

Pelton began the study as a hobby, but he hopes someday to go into full time graphoanalysis. He is completing work for the degree of "Certified Graphoanalyst" and plans to do advanced study for another year toward the degree of "Master Graphoanalyst." He plans to teach a course in Pascagoula if there is sufficient interest. Television programs and newspaper columns



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT HEALTH WINNER IS NANCY HICKS, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Hicks. For her demonstration, Nancy used as her subject, tetanus. There were 36 contestants in the demonstration contest.

dealing with graphoanalysis are becoming popular across the nation, and he is also interested in these fields.

### Only 10 In State

Although there are 33,000 members of the society in the country, Pelton is one of 10 in Mississippi and two on the Gulf Coast.

The list of uses for handwriting analysis is endless. Though it began in police work and forgery detection, it is now used by marriage counselors, psychiatrists, clergymen, social workers and child vocational guidance workers.

A job applicant will soon find out that the personnel manager knows all about him before he even comes for an interview. Banks and loan companies will use the science to determine if an individual is a good credit risk. Your handwriting even reveals whether or not you will pay your bills! Counselors of various types are using analysis to know the psychological make-up of patients and customers before they meet them.

Pelton says he feels the machines which have been developed to analyze handwriting are "fairly accurate," but that they lose "the individual human touch." He carefully distinguishes between graphology and graphoanalysis.

### Scientific Methods

The former, he says, is concerned with letter formation and is far less accurate, since each individual who practices it has his own methods and pet theories. Graphoanalysis, on the other hand, is a tested and standardized scientific method which studies the strokes in handwriting.

Because the handwriting is controlled by the subconscious, it is impossible for the writer to conceal character traits, and al-

though a person's style of writing may change, the essential stroke, pressure and slant will most likely remain the same throughout life.

The analyst, says Pelton, never reads the words of a handwriting sample, and therefore he can analyze shorthand, a foreign language and even illegible writing. He says there is no sex in writing, and you can't tell a man's writing from a woman's. The most revealing of all the letters is the letter T because of the various lines used — both upward strokes and crossing of the bar. The letter and its crossbar can reveal 34 different traits about a person. For instance, a tall "T" loop which looks like the letter "I" shows the writer will be sensitive to criticism regarding his honor or conduct. A heavy bar that crosses the "T" stem shows the writer has strong will power.

### Emotional Structure

From an individual's writing, the trained analyst can determine emotional structure, learning and thinking processes, aptitudes, will power, ability to make decisions and much more. But a little knowledge of handwriting does not make an expert, Pelton warns. Often one thing seen in the writing will soften the effect of another.

Pelton recently conducted an analysis of the handwriting of his employer, B. E. Berry. It says in part: "A very independent person, he at times attempts to dominate, wanting things to go his way. When they do not, and when

### Focus On California

## Zoo Is Top Attraction

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Few of the many zoological gardens in the world can boast such a complete collection of animal life as can be found in the San Diego Zoo in Southern California, just north of the Mexican border.

Nearly all of the creatures in this menagerie have been donated by persons from all over the world.

### Rare Animals

Many rare and dangerous animals have been donated by foreign countries. Australia and New Zealand are among these nations.

The zoo is built on several hills in Balboa Park, a large public park in San Diego.

Several years ago, a children's zoo was added to supplement the zoo proper and the amphitheater used for trained seal shows. Recently a walk-through cage with hundreds of tropical birds inside, was built.

Most of the birds don't seem to really dislike the intrusion of humans upon the privacy of their cage, the world's largest of its type and will venture to within a few feet of visitors.

### Moving Walkway

To help visitors reach the top of one of the steepest hills in the park, the world's longest moving walkway has been added to the zoo's modern facilities.

With its huge assortment of reptiles, cats, bears, monkeys, tropical birds, and rare animals, the zoo is one of the most interesting places in southern California.

For those interested in sea life, Marineland of the Pacific, located south of Los Angeles at San Pedro is a very rewarding stop.

Here the main attractions are the only pilot whales in captivity, dolphins, porpoises, seals, otters and fishes.

### Divers Feed Fish

Several times each day a diver goes into one of the two largest tanks at Marineland to feed fish, many of which are much larger than himself.

At other times the three captive pilot whales put on a show for visitors at the other of the two large tanks.

An amphitheater called the sea arena is used for the porpoise and seal shows after the acts in the larger tanks have been completed.

Together, Marineland of the Pacific and the San Diego Zoo help draw more and more persons to Southern California.

### The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 7, the 29th day of 1963 with 146 to follow.

The moon is approaching its last phase.

The morning stars are Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Mars and Saturn.

On this day in history:

In 1942, U. S. Marines landed at Guadalcanal to launch America's first offensive battle in World War II.

In 1947, the raft Kon-Tiki landed on a reef in Tuamotu Archipelago after a 4,000 mile voyage from Peru.

In 1954, England's Dr. Roger Bannister and Australia's John Landy each ran the "mile of a century" race in less than four minutes.

A thought for the day — American writer Ambrose Bierce said: "Woman would be more charming if one could fall into her arms without falling into her hands."

he becomes involved in detail work he becomes very irritable, becoming upset rather easily." Pelton may become a professional graphoanalyst sooner than he thinks.



PICKETS GATHER IN FRONT OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY Commission in New York as part of a demonstration on the 18th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. (NEA Telephoto)

### Appointed Attorneys ...

## Fight By Florida Man Brings Change In Law

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (UPI)—Clarence Earl Gideon went off to prison two years and two days ago, convicted of breaking into a poolroom but convinced his poverty had cost him a fair trial.

Today, because he kept fighting in a prison cell for his belief that he had the right to a lawyer even though he couldn't pay for one, Gideon is free. And thousands of inmates of prisons in Florida and other states have the hope of new trials, with lawyers to defend them.

When he walked out of circuit court here Monday, the thin, graying Gideon, 52, left behind in his legal path a landmark decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, a new public defender law for Florida, and his own acquittal at a new trial.

A jury deliberated about 65 minutes after the one-day trial before freeing Gideon of breaking into a poolroom here on June 3, 1961.

"This is the happiest moment

of my life," said the bespectacled Gideon, who began his legal fight alone but had the backing of attorneys general in 22 states when his case reached the federal high bench.

### Asked For Attorney

Gideon, whose wife has divorced him and whose children are in foster homes, was convicted on Aug. 4, 1961, and sentenced to five years in prison. He had asked the court then for an attorney, but state law provided court-appointed attorneys only in capital crimes and some special cases. "Before the trial, I hadn't thought much about it. I just took it for granted I would get a lawyer. I thought it was required under the Constitution," Gideon said Monday.

In Florida's state prison at Raiford, Gideon began his legal fight. He was able to find only a few law books in the prison library, but among the inmates he found men who had been through involved court cases, and some who

legal language. I just tried to write it simple and say what I believed and make my points," said Gideon.

When the high court accepted his case, Washington attorney Abe Fortas—"one of the best in the country," Gideon calls him—was appointed to represent Gideon. As the case drew interest, attorneys general from 22 states which had public defender laws entered the case as "friends of the court." Gideon also drew help from the American Civil Liberties Union and bar associations.

The Supreme Court's decision in the case was a legal landmark, overturning the Florida Supreme Court and ordering a new trial for Gideon on the grounds of lack of a defense attorney. The court ruled he was entitled to one.

With the Gideon case as a mandate, the 1963 legislature passed a law providing public defenders for all of the state's judicial circuits.

knew a little of the procedures of the law.

"A little bit from one fellow, and something else from another man, and it started falling together," Gideon said.

The Florida Supreme Court turned down his plea for a new trial, which he based on the contention that he was convicted and sentenced without benefit of an attorney.

Gideon next penned, laboriously in longhand, a petition to the U.S. Supreme Court asking that an appeal be heard.

"No, I didn't try to use any



Me and my Kate Greenaway are very social butterflies this fall. We flit from class to class, from puppet show to shopping trip in town. My dress is striped gingham with white tab collar of linen-like rayon. In green or grey. Sizes 7 to 14.

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